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ALABAMA FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE MORE THAN \$1.4 MILLION IN FUNDING THROUGH FEMA'S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

ATLANTA – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today awarded \$1,472,397 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funding to local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations in the state of Alabama.

“Proper staffing, equipment and preparedness are essential to the nation’s first responders,” said FEMA Regional Administrator Phil May. “Through the AFG program, FEMA is supporting fire departments throughout the country to meet those needs so they can provide communities with safety and security during times of crisis.”

Nationally, this week’s grants total \$57 million. The AFG program includes three kinds of awards: Fire Grants, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants and Fire Prevention and Safety grants (FP&S). Today’s grants to Alabama’s organizations are:

Fire Grants (funding firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations, and supporting regional projects involving multiple organizations serving more than one local jurisdiction).

Holtville/Slapout Fire & Rescue Inc.	Wetumpka	Operations and Safety	\$ 37,212
Auburn Public Safety Department, Fire Division	Auburn	Operations and Safety	\$ 76,986
Centre FD	Centre	Operations and Safety	\$ 71,720
Sardis Volunteer FD	Addison	Operations and Safety	\$ 60,017
Black Pond VFD	Double Springs	Vehicle Acquisition	\$ 190,000
Pineywoods VFD	Jasper	Operations and Safety	\$ 61,464
Lynn VFD	Lynn	Operations and Safety	\$ 13,300
Meridianville VFD	Meridianville	Operations and Safety	\$ 63,662
Cuba VFD	Cuba	Operations and Safety	\$ 186,723
Sweet Water VFD	Sweet Water	Operations and Safety	\$ 76,000

SAFER awards (funding fire departments and volunteer firefighter organizations directly to help them increase the number of trained, “front-line” firefighters available in their communities)

Jacksonville FD	Jacksonville	Hiring and Recruitment	\$ 635,313
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The fiscal year (FY) 2008 AFG awards, which are being distributed in phases, will ultimately provide about \$500 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country.

The full list of this week's recipients and other information, including program Fact Sheets, can be found on the AFG website (www.firegrantsupport.com).

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

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